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WALTER TRUCK CORPORATION
P. O. Box 279, Northeastern Industrial Park
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Cancellation No. 92042020 Reg. No. 226700

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MITSUBISHI MOTORS CORPORATION

V.

WALTER TRUCK CORPORATION

Tisa Williams, Legal Assistant

A petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed to cancel the above-identified registration.

Proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Trademark Rules of Practice.

ANSWER IS DUE FORTY DAYS after the mailing date hereof. (See Patent and Trademark Rule 1.7 for expiration date falling on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday).

Proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Trademark Rules of Practice, set forth in Title 37, part 2, of the Code of Federal Regulations. The parties are reminded of the recent amendments to the Trademark Rules that became effective October 9, 1998. See Notice of Final Rulemaking published in the Official Gazette on September 29, 1998 at 1214 TMOG 145. Slight corrections to the rules, resulting in a correction notice, were published in the Official Gazette on October 20, 1998 at 1215 TMOG 64. A copy of the recent amendments to the Trademark Rules, as



well as the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure (TBMP), is available at http://www.uspto.gov.

Discovery and testimony periods are set as follows:

Discovery period to open: June 16, 2003

Discovery period to close: December 13, 2003

30-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close: March 12, 2004

30-day testimony period for party in position of defendant to close: May 11, 2004

15-day rebuttal testimony period for plaintiff to close:

June 25, 2004

A party must serve on the adverse party a copy of the transcript of any testimony taken during the party's testimony period, together with copies of documentary exhibits, within 30 days after completion of the taking of such testimony. See Trademark Rule 2.125.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rule 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

NOTE: The Board allows parties to utilize telephone conferences to discuss or resolve many interlocutory matters that arise in inter partes cases. See the Official Gazette notice titled "Permanent Expansion of Telephone Conferencing on Interlocutory Matters in Inter Partes Cases Before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board," 1235 TMOG 68 (June 20, 2000). A hard copy of the Official Gazette containing this notice is available for a fee from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Telephone (202) 512-1800). The notice is also available at http://www.uspto.gov. Interlocutory matters which the Board agrees to discuss or decide by phone conference may be decided adversely to any party which fails to participate.

If the parties to this proceeding are also parties to other Board proceedings involving related marks or, during the pendency of this proceeding, they become parties to such proceedings, they should notify the Board immediately, so that the Board can consider consolidation of proceedings.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MITSUBISHI MOTORS CORPORATION.

Attorney Docket No.: 236575US33

Petitioner,

v.

WALTER TRUCK CORPORATION,

Respondent.

Registration No. 226

Honorable Commissioner of Trademarks 2900 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202-3513

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION

MITSUBISHI MOTORS CORPORATION, a corporation under the laws of Japan, located at 5-33-8, Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-8410, Japan, believes that it is or will be damaged by Registration No. 226,700 issued on the Principal Register on April 19, 1927 for the mark SNOW-FIGHTER in International Class 12 for motor trucks. Petitioner hereby petitions to cancel the registration.

As grounds for this petition, Petitioner alleges:

1. To the best of Petitioner's knowledge, Walter Truck Corporation is indicated as the current owner of trademark Registration No. 226,700 for the mark SNOW-FIGHTER for motor trucks, and its address is P.O. Box 279, Northeastern Industrial Park, Guilderland Center, New York 12085.

- 2. Upon information and belief, Petitioner believes that the mark identified above and the business of Walter Truck Corporation has been acquired by Kovatch Mobile Equipment, and upon further information and belief, the corporate headquarters are located at One Industrial Complex, Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania 18240-1499.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Petitioner believes that the subject mark has been abandoned by Respondent and any successor(s) in interest as a result of cessation of use of the mark coupled with an intention not to resume use of the mark.
- 4. Alternatively, upon information and belief, Petitioner believes that the mark identified above has been abandoned as a result of non-use of the mark for a period of three consecutive years prior to the date of this Petition.
- 5. Petitioner filed an application to register FIGHTER in Japan on March 13, 2003 in connection with trucks and/or related goods. Petitioner intends to file an application in the United States to register FIGHTER in which it will claim priority based on the Japanese application.
- 6. Petitioner believes that that the registration identified above, unless canceled, will be a cloud on Petitioner's ability and right to use and register the mark FIGHTER in interstate commerce in connection with trucks and/or related goods.
- 7. Petitioner therefore believes that continued registration of Respondent's Registration No. 226,700 threatens great irreparable damage to Petitioner's interest in, and rights to, the mark FIGHTER and should be canceled to remove an unlawful impediment to Petitioner's right to use and register its trademark without risk of legal harassment or interference posed by the registration sought to be canceled.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner believes that it is being and still continues to be damaged by the continued registration of the SNOW-FIGHTER mark as aforesaid, and prays that this Petition for Cancellation be granted and that Registration No. 226,700 be canceled.

Petitioner has appointed Jeffrey H. Kaufman and Colette A. Durst-Barkey, members of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to prosecute this cancellation proceeding and transact all business in and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection herewith.

Please address all correspondence to Jeffrey H. Kaufman, Esquire, Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C., 1940 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

The filing fee for this Petition to Cancel in the amount of \$300 is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-2014.

Respectfully submitted,

MITSUBISHI MOTORS CORPORATION

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OSMM&N File No. <u>236575US33</u>

By: IHK/ssb

Registration No.: 226,700

Registrant: Walter Truck Corporation

Matter: MITSUBISHI MOTORS CORPORATION v. WALTER MOTOR TRUCK

CORPORATION

Class(es): 12

Due Date: n/a

The following have been received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

☑ Check for \$300.00

☑ Petition for Cancellation to Registration No. 226,700





TTAB NOTICE CONCERNING CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (TRADEMARK RULE 2.18)

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If a party is located in the U.S., correspondence will be sent to the party's own address, unless (1) papers filed with the Board are filed by a party's attorney, (2) a written power of attorney is filed, (3) a written authorization of some other person entitled to be recognized is filed, or (4) the party requests in writing that correspondence be sent to another address. In these situations, correspondence will be sent, respectively, to (1) the attorney filing papers, (2) the attorney named in the power of attorney, (3) the other person designated in the written authorization, or (4) the other address specified by the party.

When one attorney or other authorized representative makes an appearance on behalf of a party, his address is noted on the proceeding file as the correspondence address. If a second attorney or other authorized representative makes an appearance on behalf of the party, and requests that correspondence be directed to him, the correspondence address on the proceeding file will be changed, and future correspondence will be sent to the second attorney or other authorized representative, rather than to the first one. If the second attorney or other authorized representative does not request that correspondence be sent to him, the Board will continue to send correspondence to the first attorney or authorized representative.

If a power of attorney from a party to one attorney has been filed, and thereafter another attorney or authorized representative makes an appearance on behalf of the party and asks that correspondence be sent to him, the second attorney or authorized representative will be required to submit authorization, from the party or from the first attorney, for the requested change in correspondence address.

If a power of attorney from a party to one attorney has been filed, and thereafter a power of attorney from the party to another attorney is filed, the second power of attorney will be construed as a written request to change the correspondence address from the first attorney to the second one, even if there is no revocation of the first power, unless the party or the first attorney directs otherwise. Likewise, if an attorney makes an appearance on behalf of a party, and thereafter the party files a written power of attorney to another attorney, the Board will send subsequent correspondence to the appointed attorney.

If a power of attorney from a party to one attorney has been filed, and thereafter that attorney files an "associated power of attorney" to another attorney, the correspondence address will remain unchanged, and the Board will continue to send correspondence to the first attorney, unless the first attorney or the party directs otherwise.

In the case of a party whose application is the subject of a Board proceeding, any appearance or power of attorney (or designation of other authorized representative) of record in the application file at the time of the commencement of the Board proceeding is considered to be effective for purposes of the proceeding, and correspondence will be sent initially to that address. Thereafter, the correspondence address may be changed as described in Trademark Rule 2.18.

In the case of a party whose registration is the subject of a Board proceeding, any representative which may be of record in the registration file at the time of the commencement of the Board proceeding is not considered to be effective for purposes of the Board proceeding. Rather, correspondence is sent to the registrant itself unless and until another correspondence address is established in the manner described in Trademark Rule 2.18.

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- *resolve problems

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and

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The TTAB Customer Service Center makes every effort to provide public access to application files, opposition files, cancellation files and concurrent use files immediately upon request for access. Files located will be made available in a central storage area accessible to the public. You can also access information about TTAB proceeding files online. Go to http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/ and click the "BISX LINK".

Any questions, comments, or suggestions concerning TTAB service should be directed to Jean Brown, TTAB Technical Program Manager, at (703) 308-9300, extension 123 or Afendi Ziad, Supervisory Legal Assistant at (703) 308-9300, extension 205 or Angela Pope, Supervisory Legal Assistant at (703) 308-9300, extension 144.

The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board encourages you to consider alternative dispute resolution as a means of settling the issues raised in this opposition or cancellation proceeding. Although more than 95% of Board proceedings are decided prior to trial (by settlement or by entry of pre-trial judgment), alternative dispute resolution techniques might produce an earlier, mutually agreeable resolution of your dispute or might, at least, narrow the scope of discovery or the issues for trial. In either case, alternative dispute resolution might save you time and money.

Many non-profit organizations, both inside and outside the intellectual property field, offer alternative dispute resolution services. Listed below are the names and addresses of organizations that have indicated that they can make arrangements for alternative dispute resolution. The listings are given for your convenience; the Board does not sponsor nor endorse any particular organization's alternative dispute resolution services.

International Trademark Association CPR I

Telephone: (212) 642-1726

Fax: (212) 768-7796

www.inta.org/adr/index.shtml

e-mail: lstigliano@inta.org

CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution

Telephone: (212) 949-6490

Fax: (212) 949-8859

www.cpradr.org

e-mail: info@cpradr.org

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)

2001 Jefferson Davis Highway

Suite 203

Arlington, Virginia 22202 Telephone: (703) 415-0780

Fax:

(703) 415-0786

American Arbitration Association (AAA)

Headquarters

140 West 51st Street

New York, New York 10020-1203

Telephone: (212) 484-3266 Fax: (212) 307-4387

Finally, if the parties consider using alternative dispute resolution in this proceeding, the Board would like to know; and if the parties actually engage in alternative dispute resolution, the Board would be interested to learn what mechanism (e.g., arbitration, mediation, etc.) was used and with what general result. Such a statement from the parties is not required but would be helpful to the Board in assessing the value of alternative dispute resolution in Trademark Trial and Appeal Board proceedings.

United States Pitent and Appeal Board of trademark Trial and Appeal Board of trademark Opposition and Cancellation Proceedings Under 05.053-1064-57 (FFF-2-101-61-560).

FILING OPPOSITION/CANCELLATION

Any person (Opposer) may file a Notice of Opposition within 30 days against any mark published under 15 USC 1062(a) in Official Gazette; may oppose in whole or part.

- Time for filing Notice may be extended by written request to TTAB. A first extension for not more than 30 days will be granted upon request. Further extensions may be granted for good cause. Extensions aggregating more than 120 days from pub. date not granted unless consented to by applicant or extraordinary circumstances. —37 CFR 2.102(c). Request should be in triplicate. 37 CFR 2.102(d).
- Any person (Petitioner) may file apetition to cancel a registration in whole or in part, but only under conditions set forth in 15 USC 1064. Geographic limitation will be considered by TTAB only in concurrent use proceeding. 37 CFR 2.99(h), 2.133(c).
- Opposer/Petitioner is in position of Plaintiff and Applicant/Respondent is Defendant. 37 CFR 2.116(b).
- Notice/Petition corresponds to complaint in civil action. 37 CFR 2,116(c).
- Amendment to pleadings in accord with Rule 15, Fed. Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP). 37 CFR 2.107,

MAILING PROCEDURES

Certificate of Mailing or Transmission and Express Mail procedures effective for all papers. 37 CFR 1.8, 1.10.

INSTITUTION OF PROCEEDING; WITHDRAWAL

* TTAB examines Notice/Petition for formal requirements and sends notification to Defendant, generally within few weeks of filing date. Duplicate copy of Notice/Petition and Exhibits sent to Defendant. 37 CFR 2.105, 2.113.

Notice/Petition may be withdrawn without prejudice before Defendant files Answer. 37 CFR 2.106(c), 2.114(c). With written consent of Defendant, later withdrawal may be without prejudice.

Defendant may not abandon application or surrender registration without prejudice except with written consent of Plaintiff. 37 CFR 2.135, 2.134.

ANSWER; MOTIONS

Time for Answer set by TTAB for 40 days from Notification mailing date. Counterclaim should be filed with answer or promptly upon discovery of information supporting Counterclaim. 37 CFR 2.106(b), 2.114(b).

Time for reply to Counterclaim set by TTAB for not less than 30 days from TTAB action mailing date. 37 CFR 2.106(b), 2.114(b).

Motions may be brought before TTAB in writing and with Brief in support. Brief in opposition thereto, 15 days (30 days for summary judgment motion). Briefs limited to 25 pages. Reply Brief, if filed, 15 days, limited to 10 pages. Reconsideration 30 days after decision; Opposition Brief, 15 days. 37 CFR 2.127. Most motions used in Federal practice are applicable.

Motions for Summary Judgment, to Compel, and to Test Sufficiency of Responses to Requests for Admissions, if filed, due before Plaintiff testimony period opens. 37 CFR 2.127(e), 2.120(e), 2.120(h).

TRIAL DATES

TTAB issues Order setting opening and close of Discovery and Trial dates. Discovery set for period of 180 days; 30-day Pl. Testimony period closes 90 days after close of Discovery period; 30-day Def. Test. period closes 60 days after Pl. Test. period; 15-day Pl. Rebuttal Test. period closes 45 days after Def. Test. period. 37 CFR 2.120(a), \$\div 2.121.

In cases where Counterclaim filed, TTAB sets additional time periods for testimony and briefing.

DISCOVERY PERIOD

Interrogatories, Reqs. for Prod. Of Docs. & Things, and Reqs. for Adm., if served, must be served by last day of Discovery period. Written Responses within 30 days from date of service of Disc. Reqs. FRCP apply except as otherwise provided. 37 CFR 2.116, 2.120(a). Extension of Time to respond to discovery granted upon cause or by stipulation.

Interrogatories limited to proceeding total of 75, counting subparts; additional interrogatories allowed upon motion for good cause or by stipulation. 37 CFR 2.120(d)(1).

Discovery Depositions (noticed and taken within Disc. Period) in District where deponent resides or is employed. 37 CFR 2.120(a), 2.120(b). Either party may request designation of witnesses under FRCP 30(b)(6), 31(a).

PLAINTIFF'S TRIAL PERIOD

Plaintiff's Testimony-In-Chief.
Opens 60 days after Discovery Period
closes, and runs for 30 days (refer
to Order).

- Testimony taken by deposition upon oral examination or upon written questions. 37 CFR 2.123, 2.124.
- Plaintiff serves Transcript of testimony and copies of documentary exhibits on adverse party within 30 days after completion of taking testimony. Certified transcript and exhibits filed with TTAB. 37 CFR 2.125.
- Notice of Reliance as appropriate on Discovery Deps., Adms. and Int. Answers, with copies of same, due before close of Test. 37 CFR 2.120.5
- Involved app. or reg. files are in evidence for relevant and competent purposes. Publications in gen. Circ. or in libraries, and official records, may be received if appropriate Notice of Reliance is filed and copies submitted within Test. period. 37 CFR 2.122.

Motion under 37 CFR 2.132, if filed, due after close of Pl.'s Test. period & before opening of Def.'s.

DEFENDANT'S TRIAL PERIOD

Opens 30 days after close of Pl.'s Test. period. Runs for 30 days.

Test. taken by deposition upon oral examination or upon written questions. 37 CFR 2.123, 2.124.

Notice of Reliance on Discovery responses also due within Test. period, if filed. 37 CFR 2.120.

Notice of Reliance on gen. circ. publ. and official records due within Test. period, if filed. 37 CFR 2.122.

Def. serves Test. transcript on Pl. within 30 days and files certified transcript and exhibits with TTAB. 37 CFR 2.125.

PLAINTIFF'S REBUTTAL PERIOD

Rebuttal Test. period for Pl. opens 30 days after close of Def.'s Test. period and runs for 15 days.

Pl. may file Notice of Reliance under 37 CFR 2.120, 2.122, with matter relied on, and take Test. to rebut Def. Test. and other evidence.

Pl. serves and files Transcript of Rebuttal Test. and exhibits in accordance with 37 CFR 2.125.

BRIEFS; ORAL HEARING

- Pl. Brief due 60 days after Rebuttal period closing. 6
- Def. Brief, if filed, due 30 days after Pl. Brief due.
- Pl. Reply Brief, if filed, due 15 days after Def. Brief due. 37 CFR 2.128.

- Separate Request for Oral Hearing, if filed, due not later than 10 days after Reply Brief due. 37 CFR 2.129.
 - TTAB Notice of Oral Hearing sent toall parties.
- Oral Hearing before panel of at least three TTAB judges. 30 minutes for each party. 37 CFR 2.129.
- DECISION; RECONSIDERATION; APPEAL TTAB Deliberation. Writing of Opinion and Decision in due course.
- Request for rehearing, reconsideration or modification, if
- filed, due within one month. Brief in opposition due within 15 days. 37 CFR 2.129(c).
- Any Appeal from TTAB Decision due within two months of Decision or two months after denial of req. for recon. See especially 37 CFR 2.129(d).

NOTE: Footnotes and TTAB addresses and telephone number appear on the back of this sheet. FOOTNOTES

- (1) Opposer may be any legal entity including a corporation. Opposer must believe that opposer would be damaged by registration of the mark and state the reasons. 15 USC 1063 and 37 CFR 2.101. Notice of Opposition need not be verified. \$200 required fee for each class for each person opposing. 37 CFR 2.6, 2.101(b). May be signed by attorney. 37 CFR 2.101(b). Duplicate copy including exhibits required. Order status and title copies of pleaded registrations in advance and attach to Notice/Petition or introduce as evidence during Testimony-In-Chief period. 37 CFR 2.122.
- (2) Action, grounds and requirements (Footnote 1) for initiation of Cancellation proceeding are similar to those for an Opposition proceeding and are covered in 15 USC 1064, 1092 and 37 CFR 2.111, 2.112. \$200 required fee per class, per person. Duplicate copy required.
- (3) Except Notice/Petition, each paper must be served on opponent. Statement of service (date and manner) is required. Period to respond to Motions and Discovery Requests is extended 5 days when service is by first-class mail, "Express Mail," or overnight courier. 37 CFR 2.119. Action due on weekend or D.C. holiday can be taken on next business day. 37 CFR 1.7.
- (4) Resetting of time to respond to Discovery Request does not result in extension of Discovery period and subsequent testimony periods unless requested. 37 CFR 2.120(a). All consented extensions of time should be filed in triplicate and list specific dates for all subsequent periods affected.
- (5) Except for 37 CFR 2.122(e) documents, documents produced in response to Requests for Production cannot be made of record by Notice of Reliance alone. 37 CFR 2.120(j)(ii).
- (6) Briefs should be typewritten or printed, double-spaced, in at least pica or eleven-point type, on letter paper (8½ x 11). Three copies of briefs required. Alphabetical index of cases required. Length limit of 55 pages, including table of contents, index of cases, description of record, statement of issues, recitation of facts, argument, and summary. Reply brief 25 pages total. 37 CFR 2.128(b).

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